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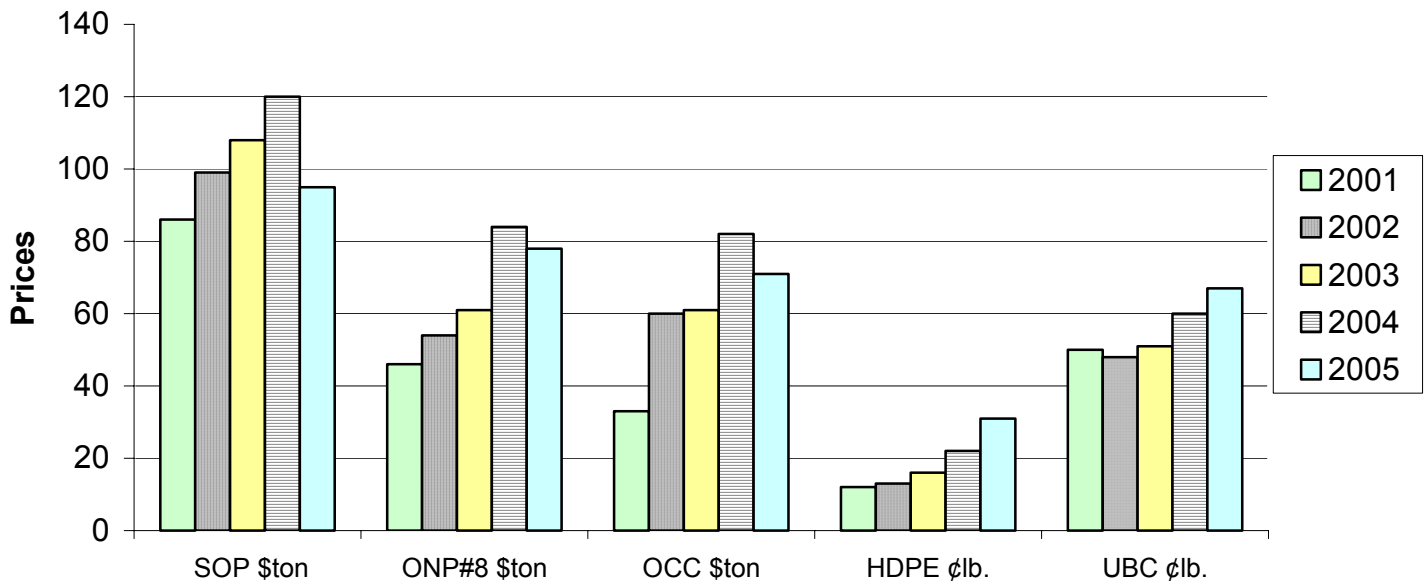
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COMPARISON OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

Prices for many of the fiber (paper) commodities peaked in 2004, with some decline in 2005. Sorted office paper was at its highest during the summer of 2004 - \$140 per ton. Newspaper #8 was valued at \$88 per ton for over half of 2004, with an average of \$84 for the year. Cardboard, the mainstay of many recycling centers, held a high of \$88 per ton for five months during 2004, but slipped to \$78 per ton for the first five months of 2005 and was only \$43 in December 2005. Beverage container prices were still climbing in 2005 and going even higher in the first couple of months in 2006.

Price Averages for Selected Commodities



SOP=sorted office paper ONP= newspaper OCC=cardboard HDPE=milk jugs UBC= aluminum cans

Commodity prices change frequently with the economic forces of supply, demand, consumer preferences, raw material costs, exports and other factors. Consistent collection of material during periods of low value will result in a reliable and stable recycling program, which will benefit when the market values increase.

The yearly averages in the above table are based on prices quoted in The Marketplace. All prices are based on tractor-trailer quantities of baled material.

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Prices are based on trailer load lots paid by end-users. This guide is for reference only and does not represent an obligation by any buyer to pay these amounts.

Prices vary according to location, condition of product and other factors. Prices for handlers and processors will be different from these prices which are quoted for manufacturers. Prices fluctuate daily or weekly, and are based on the second week of the month, unless otherwise noted, and may change.

Paper	\$ per ton		<u>Previous month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Mixed Paper	35-40	Board and Mill purchase prices, baled, FOB seller's dock. From Feb. 4, Official Board Markets Yellow Sheet, Chicago market.	35-40	60-65
Sorted Office	80-90		85-95	110-120
Newsprint #6	45-50		45-50	55-60
Newsprint #8	65-70		65-70	80-85
Sorted White Ledger	180-190		180-190	185-195
Corrugated Containers	40-45		40-45	75-80
Plastics	<u>Cents per lb.</u>	<i>From market sources serving Kentucky, contacted Feb 13. Baled, FOB seller's dock. Priced as loads available.</i>		
Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET-soda bottles)	14	clear and green (mixed)	16	18
High Density Polyethylene (HDPE-milk jugs) #2	39	natural	40	27
Glass	<u>\$ per ton</u>			
Clear	29	<i>From Feb. 10, Recycling Manager, national average for truckload quantities, semi-crushed and cleaned, delivered to end-user.</i>	29	29
Amber	17		17	17
Green	9		9	9
Metals	<u>Cents per lb.</u>	<i>Aluminum from market sources serving Kentucky, contacted Feb. 13.</i>		
Aluminum cans	81	densified, baled truckload, picked up	81	67
	<u>\$ per gross ton</u>	<i>Steel from American Metal Market, Feb. 13, 2005. Delivered mill price; Chicago market quoted.</i>		
Steel Cans	220	Clean, used densified cans	190	180